

Welcome

MontCAS

Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

ACT Plus Writing Administration and Prep

2015 Assessment & Data Conference

January 8, 2015

January 15, 2015



ACT Administration and Prep

- ACT Administration and Accommodations
- Q&A Period
- ACT Online Prep

ACT Q&A

- We will take questions in person or through the private chat feature of Adobe Connect.
- Questions will be read aloud and responded to for everyone to hear.

ACT Administration

- The ACT Plus Writing
- ACT-Approved and State-Allowed Accommodations
- All students enrolled in their junior year at a Montana public school
- Approximately 10,8000

Test Dates

The ACT Plus Writing Administration	Dates
The ACT Initial Test Date (Paper)	April 28, 2015
The ACT Makeup Test Date (Paper)	May 12, 2015
The ACT Accommodations Test Window (Paper)	April 28 – May 12, 2015

Accommodations Options

- ACT-Approved Accommodations
 - College reportable scores
 - Request for examinees with a documented disability
 - ACT authorizes timing guidelines and testing materials based on diagnosis and documentation
- State-Allowed Accommodations
 - Not college reportable, used for accountability
 - Order materials for examinees
 - School staff determine timing and accommodations

Test Accessibility and Accommodations System

- Test Accessibility and Accommodations
 - Online ordering system
 - Used to submit requests for ACT-Approved Accommodations
 - Internet Explorer v. 11 or later, Firefox, or Chrome
 - Training posted on state website

Accommodations Deadlines

- *Deadline to submit online requests and documentation via the TAA system*
 - **January 23, 2015**
- *Preliminary ACT-Approved Accommodations Roster Arrives*
 - **Week of March 16, 2015**
- *Deadline to request changes to Preliminary ACT-Approved Accommodations Roster*
 - **March 27, 2015**

ACT Online Prep

- ACT Online Prep (AOP) is available to:
 - Public high school students
 - Grades 9-12
- With AOP, students will have access to:
 - Practice tests with real ACT test questions
 - Practice essays for the ACT Writing Test, with real-time scoring
 - Comprehensive content review for each of the ACT's for required tests – English, Math, Reading, and Science

How Does It Work?

- ACT Test Coordinators
 - Assign additional administrators
 - Create student accounts
- Trouble logging in?
 - Contact Ashley Makowski at 406.444.3511

Administrator Site

- <https://actonlineprep.act.org/ePrep/browserInfo.do>
- Add administrators
- Add students
- Run reports

Student Site

- <https://actonlineprep.act.org/ePrep/browserInfo.do>
- Take the diagnostic test
- Explore content area review
- Take a practice test
- Take the writing test
- View scores and progress

Reminders

- Summary of requirements
- Inventory material right away
- Pretest session

OPI Contacts

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 - 406.444.3511
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ACT Contact Information

- Montana State Testing Website:
<http://www.act.org/aap/montana/index.html>
- Standard Time
 - ACT: 800.553.6244, ext. 2800
 - Contact Us: www.act.org/app/state/contact.html
- Accommodations
 - ACT: 800.553.6244, ext. 1788
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